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SUBJECT: GENSCHER INTERVIEW ON US-FRG RELATIONS

1. WE CALL WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION TO FEBRUARY 16 RADIO
INTERVIEW BY FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER CARRIED FEBRUARY
17 BY FBIS (170815, 170835).

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION WHETHER US-FRG RELATIONS ARE
"SO BAD AS NEVER BEFORE," GENSCHER REPLIED THAT THE
OPPOSITE IS TRUE, AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN
FULL CONFORMITY ON BASIC GLOBAL POLITICAL ISSUES. AS
FOR ECONOMIC ISSUES, GENSCHER CONCEDED SOME DIFFERENCES
IN JUDGMENT BUT STRESSED THAT THESE WERE
DIFFERENCES AMONG FRIENDS, DISCUSSED IN A FRIENDLY
MANNER. HE ALSO INVITED ATTENTION TO SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL'S FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON HIS RECENT VISIT
TO BONN, SAYING THAT THIS REFLECTS THE INNER ATTITUDE
OF THE U.S. TOWARD THE FRG.

3. ASKED IF THE U.S. HAD BECOME "MORE DIFFICULT" TO
DEAL WITH UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, GENSCHER STATED
THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. HE MENTIONED HIS "FIRST CLASS,
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INDEED FRIENDLY" RELATIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE, AND
CONCLUDED THAT, OVERALL, THE POSITIVE STATE OF U.S.-FRG
RELATIONS WAS BEYOND QUESTION.
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